

"10. *Mitra edentula*

'Shell cylindrical, striated; aperture longer than the spire; outer lip inflexed; columella without teeth.

'Hab. — Mus. Dubois."

SWAINSON'S English description is a verbatim translation of his Latin diagnosis which precedes it.

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## NOTES &amp; NEWS

*Mitra prosanguinolenta*

J. CATE, 1966

## Relegated to Synonymy

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INADVERTENTLY, through an error in interpretation of the Rules of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, I have unnecessarily given a new name, *Mitra prosanguinolenta*, to the species *Mitra sanguinolenta* LAMARCK, 1811 (J. M. CATE, 1966). My error was based on the incorrect assumption that in citing a different species as type figure, LAMARCK had thereby described *Mitra sanguinolenta* in synonymy — a practice ruled invalid by the ICZN in Article 11 (d): "Publication in Synonymy."

According to Dr. A. Myra Keen (*in litt.*), there was evidently meant to be a distinction between the terms "Publication in Synonymy" and "Publication as a Synonym."

Various suggestions as to the correct interpretation of this rule have been offered to me in connection with the

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problem — not all in agreement with one another, but nevertheless unanimous in the conclusion that my selection of a new name for the species was unnecessary. It should have been clear to me that since LAMARCK'S holotype exists, no further action was called for.

Although I do not consider myself qualified to discuss the relative merits of the different taxonomic viewpoints on this rather complicated problem, I am grateful to all those who furnished their suggestions, and hereby declare *Mitra prosanguinolenta* J. CATE, 1966 an objective synonym of *Mitra sanguinolenta* LAMARCK, 1811.

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## Pacific Division

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING of the American Malacological Union, Pacific Division, will be held this year at the Conference Grounds of Asilomar State Park, which is located at the ocean's edge on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula. The meeting will convene on June 28<sup>th</sup> and end July 1<sup>st</sup>. Members of the AMU and AMU-PD and anyone interested in the study of malacology are invited to attend and to contribute papers. The Concho-